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Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Kiers, Roger
Cc: Cindy Anderson; Chad Williams; Chris Moore; Kitty Henderson
Subject: McMillin Bridge and Executive Order 05-05
Attachments: Petition to Preserve the McMillin Bridge.pdf

Mr. Kiers

The Pierce County Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commission is grateful that DAHP has initiated 05-05, thus allowing consulting parties to have a voice in the important process of protecting the McMillin Bridge, which is on the local, state and federal historic registers.

The construction of a new, bridge just feet away from the McMillin Bridge, has significant potential to adversely impact the historic bridge. The commission is concerned about future maintenance and use plans for McMillin, and the local community has made it quite clear that they are concerned about the bridge as well.

RCW 27.34.200 directs the state to protect and enhance historic sites for the inspiration and enrichment of our state's citizens. The commission would like to be informed of the long term preservation plans for the bridge, and would like to, once again, suggest linking the bridge into the Foothills Trail. (This use is strongly supported by the community, please see the attached petition.) This would give new purpose to the structure and is a use that has been endorsed by the Foothills Trails Association. We would like to see WSDOT engage with Pierce County and the Foothills Trails Association in a productive discussion about the bridge's future use.

Best,

Caroline Swope, chair

Pierce County Landmarks Commission

(Cindy/Chad, please make a copy of this available to the commission.)